Der Stern Not to Alter JFK Story

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HAMBURG, Germany, Jan. 13 (UPI)—A close friend of Mrs. John F. Kennedy failed tonight in a last bid to get the West German magazine Der Stern to stop serializing an uncut version of William Manchester's book "The Death of a President."

Der Stern Chief Editor Henri Nannen said after a meeting with William Vanden Heuvel, an attorney and close friend of the Kennedy family, that "there's no cuase for abridging of changing the manuscript."

"I have said repreatedly," Nannen said, "that the Stern would print nothing that could hurt the feelings of Mrs. Kennedy and her children.

"We think we do owe this to the memory of President Kennedy. We have found nothing in the original manuscript of William Manchester's 'Death of a President' that goes beyond the limits of humane consideration towards Mrs. Kennedy. There is no cause for abridging or changing the manuscript."